Capacity of cold storage and food processing units in the country

561. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any action plan to increase the capacity of existing cold storage and food processing units in the country including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of such units in various States as on date and the details of units Government propose to set up during 2005-06 in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Increase in capacity of cold storages/food processing units is an ongoing process. Government has framed and implemented plan schemes to provide financial assistance for overall development of the Food Processing Industry including for creation of cold storages/food processing units. Assistance @ 25% of the project cost in general areas and 33.33% in difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs and Rs. 75.00 lakhs respectively is provided for establishment/expansion/ modernization of food processing units. A similar percentage of assistance with a uniform cap of Rs. 75.00 lakhs is provided by the Ministry for cold storages for non-horticulture produce and special types of cold storages with controlled Atmosphere/Modified Atomosphere facility. Government does not set up food processing units/cold storages on its own. A statement showing State-wise details of FPI units/cold storages approved assistance by the Ministry is annexed. *(see* below) The National Horticulture Board under the Ministry of Agriculture provides assistance for cold storages for horticulture produce.

An amount of Rs. 97.00 crores has been allocated in BE 2006-2007 for the scheme for technology upgradation/expansion/modernization of food processing industry units and Rs. 22.00 crores for the scheme of Infrastructure Development.

The Government has announced a number of measures for giving a boost to the FPI Sector which, among others, include—the industry is treated as priority sector for bank credit; processed fruit and vegetable products are exempted from Central Excise Duty; Excise Duty has been reduced in case of Meat, Poultry and Fish products; under Income-Tax Act, a deduction of 100% of profit for five years and 25% of profits for the next five years in case of new agro processing industries set up to process, preserve and package fruits and vegetables.

Statement

State-wise details of FPI units/cold storages approved assistance by the Ministry

State/UT	FPI Units approved for assistance by MFPI	Cold Storages assisted by MFPI
Andhra Pradesh	78	2
Arunachal Pradesh	1	-
Assam	30	1
Bihar	4	-
Chhattisgarh	5	-
Delhi	4	1
Goa	5	1
Gujarat	35	8
Haryana	20	3
Himachal Pradesh	25	1
Jammu & Kashmir	16	-
Jharkhand	3	-
Karnataka	46	6
Kerala	39	3
Lakshadweep	-	1
Madhya Pradesh	21	3
Maharashtra	127	15

State/UT	FPI Units approved for assistance by MFPI	Cold Storages assisted by MFPI
Manipur	25	1
Meghalaya	4	2
Mizoram	2	-
Nagaland	6	-
Orissa	11	3
Pondicherry	5	-
Punjab	64	3
Rajasthan	23	-
Tamil Nadu	65	-
Tripura	4	-
Uttar Pradesh	77	2
Uttaranchal	13	-
West Bengal	45	14
TOTAL:	803	70

Proposal for establishment of Food Parks in Andhra Pradesh

562. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any proposal from the Andhra Pradesh Government for establishment of Food Processing Parks in the State;

(b) if so, whether the State Government has furnished the information required by Government;

(c) if so, the reasons for not considering these proposals till now; and

(d) the time by when Government are likely to clear the said proposals?